

Appl. No. 09/715,308

Amdt. Dated March 31, 2004

Reply to Advisory Action of February 19, 2004

REMARKS

As of the Advisory Action of February 19, 2004, claims 1-7, 12-16, 20-30, 32 and 33 are pending in the application. Claims 1-7, 12-16, 18, 30 and 33 stand rejected. Claims 20-29 are allowed. Claim 32 is objected to. In this action, claims 1-7, 16 and 18 have been canceled without prejudice or waiver. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. The foregoing amendments and the following remarks are fully responsive to the Office Action and are believed to render all pending claims at issue patentably distinct over the cited references.

I. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER.

In the Advisory Action of February 19, 2004, claims 20-29 were allowed by the Examiner and claim 32 was objected to. On March 3, 2004, the attorney of record discussed the allowability of claim 30 and its dependents (claims 32 and 12-15) and claim 33. An agreement was reached, resulting in the allowance of claim 30 and its dependents and claim 33. This agreement was noted in the Interview Summary of March 10, 2004.

Claims 1-7, 16 and 18 have been canceled in this response. Therefore, the pending claims are 20-30, 32, 33 and 12-15. All of these claims have been allowed. Therefore, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

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II. CONCLUSION.

The Applicant submits that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance and such allowance is therefore earnestly requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (480) 385-5060.

The Applicant requests a two-month extension of time to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2091. If for some reason Applicant has not requested a sufficient extension and/or has not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any other fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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